

REMARKS

This substitute amendment replaces the amendment that was submitted on October 5, 2010 along with an accompanying Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.114 and a Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for the benefit of a prior provisional application under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6). The previous amendment was refused entry because it improperly incorporated the prior provisional application by reference.

This substitute amendment is accompanied by a renewed petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for the benefit of a prior provisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(6). The present application was not recognized as claiming the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/245,101 filed Nov. 1, 2000. Thus, Applicants amend the specification as indicated above to include a claim to the benefit of provisional application number 60/245,101.

Claims 1, 3-9, 11, 12, 14-21, 23-25, 28-31, 33, 35-41, 43-49, 51, 53-66, 69-78, 80-90, 92-93, and 95-113 stand in the application. All claims were previously allowed for patent issue. Applicant has made minor changes to correct for typographical errors and improve claim terminology consistency.

Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims as amended are solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if it appears that an additional interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically submitted via facsimile to the USPTO Office of Petitions at 571-273-0025 on October 19, 2010.

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